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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Champa Nullah bridge was constructed as many as 100 years back at Bhagalpur`s Nathnagar on National Highway No.80 in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the above bridge may collapse at any time;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to construct a new bridge in its place; and

(d) if so, by when the new bridge is likely to be constructed ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) The existing Screw Pile Bridge in Km.123 on Champa Nallah near Bhagalpur on NH-80 in Bihar was reportedly constructed in 19th century. As this bridge is old, weak and narrow, the traffic on this bridge is being allowed with restricted loading. A proposal for repair of this bridge has recently been received which is under consideration.

(c) & (d) An estimate for preparation of Detailed Project Report for construction of Bhagalpur Bypass which includes the proposal for construction of new bridge across Champa Nallah was sanctioned in October, 2004 and the award of this work is under finalisation. It is therefore, too early to indicate the time by which it will be constructed.